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SERVICE

(Dedicated to Brother S. W. Latimer, Editor and Publisher)

He has not served who gathers gold
Nor has he served whose life is told
In selfish battles he has won,
Or deeds of skill that he has done;
But he has served who now and then
Has helped along his fellow men.

The world needs many men today—
Red-blooded men along life's way—
With cheerful hearts and helping hands,
And with a faith that understands
The value of the simple deed
To serve another's hour of need.

—Selected.



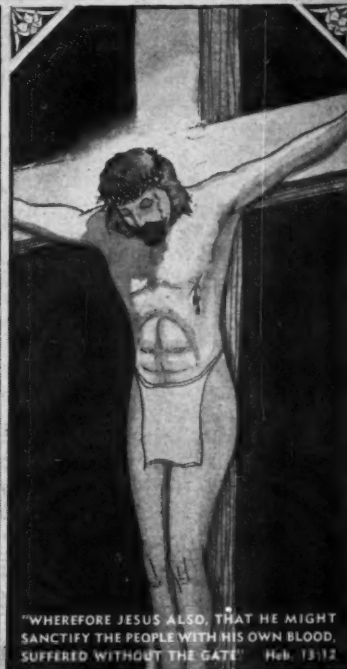
"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN" John 3:7



"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED
SHALL BE SAVED" Mark 16:16



"AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST,
AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES" Acts 2:4



"WHEREFORE JESUS ALSO, THAT HE MIGHT
SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD,
SUFFERED WITHOUT THE GATE" Heb. 13:12



"THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PUR-
CHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD" Acts 20:28



If anyone has old Evangels and Lighted Pathways, will you please send them to me to distribute?—Millard Littlefield, Rt. 2, Richmond, P. E. I., Canada.

District and state convention dates for the state of New Mexico:

Hot Springs, May 5-7, W. A. Largin, district overseer.

Carlsbad, May 19-21, Wm. Ford, district overseer.

Jal, May 26-28, T. M. McClendon, district overseer.

Sedan, June 2-4, A. G. Hopkins, district overseer.

State convention and camp meeting at Hobbs, July 2-9.—S. J. Wood, state overseer, Box 1693, Hobbs, N. Mex.

ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION WORK

We began our district work the first week in March. Up to this present time we have had six districts to convene. Each convention has been blessed with the power and presence of the Lord. The reporting of the churches has been extra good. I will not tell you in this report how much mission money we have received but I will give you a report of each district together with the amount of money received for missions, also the number of Evangel subscriptions at the end of our district convention work.

I would like to say this, however. Our mission interest is wonderful this year, even much better than last year. I will have something good to tell you when we close our work. Our last convention will be held the first week in May. Please watch for my report at that time. Let us pray that God will continue to make these conventions a blessing to each district.

Remember, pastors, I'm depending on you to raise the amount of mission money you promised. Be sure that you don't forget the Evangel drive.—H. L. Whittington, overseer of Alabama.

There will be a fellowship meeting and all day services at the Rochester, Tex. Church of God the 5th Sunday in April. We are expecting every church on the district to be well represented on that date. Come and bring all your singers and musicians. All adjoining districts have a special invitation. We are expecting our state overseer, Brother Scoggins; district overseer, Brother Bridges, and all the rest of the pastors on the district to come. I believe it was agreed on at the preachers' meeting that each district help the smaller churches, so come on now and do

Special Prayer For Missionary to Africa

Please remember Brother Edmund Stark, our missionary in Africa, who is seriously ill of fever. Request came by cablegram.

May God bless and help our brother and his faithful wife in this time of their need.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

your part as we are about ninety miles from the nearest church. We need your help. Begin to pray now for the Lord to have His way.—Clyde D. Fitzgerald, pastor, Rochester, Tex.

The district convention of the Church of God of the Sulphur Springs, Tex. district will convene April 21-23 at Freedom church. All are invited to attend. Come on over, folks, be here on time. I feel this will be the best convention that we have ever had yet.—O. A. McBride, district overseer, Sulphur Springs, Tex.

To the ministers and Church of God in Oklahoma: I wish to remind you

Tennessee State Camp Meeting July 20-30 Sevierville, Tenn.

The preaching will be done by Tennessee preachers and visitors from other states. We will have at our command about seventy-five rooms with bedsteads and mattresses which may be rented at \$2.00 each for the entire camp meeting. There will be plenty of camping ground for those who wish to bring tents.

A large dining room and kitchen will be maintained so that families may get their meals at the rate of \$3.00 per person for the entire camp meeting. Ladies will be required to help in the kitchen one or two days during the camp meeting.

If you are interested in renting a room, please let us hear from you at once as they will not last long. Send \$2.00 with your request for reservation and the best rooms will be allotted first.

Do not miss this feast of great things at the Tennessee state camp meeting in the vacation land of Dixie, the Smoky Mountains.

Address all inquiries to Clifford M. Jenkerson, Sevierville, Tenn.

that Easter Sunday is the day set apart by the Assembly to take a special offering to help pay for the orphanage in Cleveland, Tenn. The Willing Worker Bands and Y. P. E's are expected to cooperate in this offering. We want to encourage our churches to come on with their part and make it one hundred per cent. Send this offering to E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary, Cleveland, Tenn. immediately after Easter Sunday.

We also wish to remind the preachers that your Bible School pledge will be due to come in with your April report to the state overseer, to be sent altogether to Headquarters. I want to get it all in by the 15th of May. Preachers who have left the state will be expected to send in their pledge just the same.—Geo. M. Bloomingdale, overseer of Oklahoma, Box 656, Maud, Okla.

To the Church of God in Texas: Greetings in the name of Jesus. We have been asked by the Orphanage Committee to ask each church to raise a special offering to help pay the debt on orphanage property. This offering is to be taken on Easter, which is April 9. Also, they are asking that the Ladies' Willing Worker Band work at this from now until Easter.

Pastors, please keep this before your churches and each do your best in this worthy cause. If this matter is presented in the right manner, we feel sure many will help. Ask the Lord to help you and we are sure the results will be gratifying.—H. N. Scoggins, overseer of Texas.

There will be home coming at the Church of God at Canton, N. C. April 23. We are extending an invitation to all the pastors and churches on this district. Pastors, come and bring your music and singers. We are expecting a great blessing from the Lord. Brother Latimer will be with us to preach Saturday night, Sunday morning and night. There will be other good speakers on the program for the day. The public is invited to come and enjoy the day with us. If you can, bring a small offering to help lift the indebtedness of the church. We thank you.—Pastor, G. L. Jones, Canton, N. C.

I am an evangelist in the Church of God and I am ready to go any place for revivals. Anyone desiring my help, write me. For references write: B. L. Hicks, L. L. Hughes, A. R. Hughes, Somerset, Ky. —B. L. Phelps, Meece, Ky.

On the night of May 14 the Church of God at Williamsburg, Pa. will observe the opening service of their Bible School which will convene for two weeks. We

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Am I Really a Christian?

BY WM. POSPISIL

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith," 2 Cor. 13:5.

Though many people speak lightly concerning their state after death yet I feel that nearly every intelligent being has a desire in his heart that it may be well with his soul. It goes without saying, that nearly every one has pondered the question, "If I die shall I live again?" or, "When I stand before the Judge of all the earth what will my soul have to say?"

Many have believed because they have thus been taught, that they should live reasonably moral lives, belong to and attend some church, and when it comes their time to die that they will have a pretty good chance to get to heaven, as good or better than the average. But to KNOW for certain that they were justified in God's sight and that heaven is their future abode they have believed that they could not be certain until the judgment.

To wait until after the judgment to find out about our eternal welfare is to wait until it is too late to do anything about it. After the Lord has pronounced the sentence and said, "Depart from me" then it is too late to accept Christ as our SAVIOR. Therefore the scripture, "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith," or "Am I really a Christian?" It is intended that one should KNOW and know NOW whether he is a Christian or not, whether SAVED or LOST.

Nicodemus came to Jesus by night. He wanted some satisfaction from one whom he admitted had come from God. He learned that he "must be born again." John 3:7. To become a Christian *every one must be born again*, rich or poor, white or black, moral or immoral. This new birth is what every one needs and it makes us new creatures in Christ. "Therefore if any man be in Christ HE IS A NEW CREATURE: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17. The old life of sin is gone, the old desire for worldly entertainment and fleshly lusts is gone. In its PLACE IS A NEW LOVE FOR THE THINGS OF GOD, for His Word, and a love for God's people that have been born again, also a burning desire to tell others of this wonderful experience that has come to the one that has become a child of God.

Reader friend, are you a child of God? Have you been born again? Does God's Spirit bear witness with your spirit that you have been accepted of Him? If not, then you are not really a Christian though you may belong to a church and sing hymns, for the Scripture plainly states in Rom. 8:9, "Now if any man

have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

Suppose, dear reader, that you have accepted Christ and have been born again, then the following scripture applies to you: 1 John 3:2, 3, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we KNOW that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

First, I want to call your attention to the statement, "Now are we the sons of God." We become sons of God when we are "born again," when we have accepted Christ as our Savior. "As many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God." Then in the second place, after we become Christians we are to "purify ourselves even as he is pure."

I want to give you a few scriptures and explanations that may help you in securing this purification. "Love not the world, neither the things of the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him," 1 John 2:15. "And be not conformed to this world,

but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God," Rom. 12:2. The scripture from St. John's epistle plainly states that if we love the world God's love is not in our hearts. The scripture from Romans states we should not be conformed to the world, then the following scripture from 2 Cor. 6:17, 18; 7:1 reads, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." Notice in these verses God calls His people to separate themselves from worldly and unholy people and unholy PRACTICES, PROMISING A SURE RECEPTION BY OUR HEAVENLY FATHER. Then Titus 2:11-14 says, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." Please notice this holy living is to take place IN THIS PRESENT WORLD, not after death, BUT NOW. "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious

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Live Bait

Live bait for the devil's hook—furnished by blind mothers.

I wish that every woman in our land would read the following which was written by a godly mother, Mrs. Sybil Hoxworth.

Why are your little girls kidnapped, shamefully treated and murdered?

In the old days little girls were taught modesty from infancy, that it was disgraceful to expose the body. The mothers dressed them accordingly, with long sleeves, high necks, sensible length skirts and full length stockings. "Old-fashioned," you say? That is the kind of people who are going to populate heaven, people who live according to the Word of God; and the Bible says that women should dress in modest apparel. 1 Tim. 2:9, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

The devil is the author of many fashions today and they are inspired by him to destroy the souls of men and women. When God clothed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, because they had eaten of the tree of the knowledge of good and

evil, Gen. 3rd chapter, He meant for the human body to be covered from that time on, and because people are disregarding the laws of God, crime is rampant all over the world today. The beast nature is stirred in man until they revel in crime and lust.

After God had created man and they began to multiply on the earth, God saw that the wickedness of man was great and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually, and it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth. He said He would destroy man from the face of the earth. God sent the flood and destroyed every living creature on the face of the earth except eight souls, Noah and his family, and the living creatures that God told Noah to take into the ark. The Bible says, as it was in the days of Noah, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be; for as in the days that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the day that Noah entered into the ark and knew not until the flood came and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Mothers, you go out in public half

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EDITORIALS

The Judgment of Rewards

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad," 2 Cor. 5:10.

There are three judgments spoken of in the Bible, one for the saints, one for the nations, and one for the wicked. Our text has reference to the judgment of believers, and their reward. Those who come forth to be judged in this judgment are only the righteous whose sins have been atoned for and they have met every condition and received the full blessing that Jesus came to bring.

This judgment takes place somewhere in mid-air after Jesus comes on the clouds of heaven. Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thess. 4:14-17. This sets forth very clearly the fact that the saints will come forth and be judged at the first judgment.

"And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald," Rev. 4:3. We are sure this scripture refers to the judgment of the raptured saints who are around the throne in glory, and this judgment of rewards will take place after Christ comes back and raises the dead in Christ and catches away those that are alive and remain.

The Scriptures tell us of Christ's coming back on the clouds of heaven at two different times,—one is to catch away the saints, at which time they will receive their rewards, and the other one is to destroy all wickedness in the world and set up His reign of a thousand years (Rev. 19:11-15).

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man," Luke 21:36.

In this verse Jesus infers that those

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who have met the conditions and are ready to go when He comes, will escape something. I am sure that those who are ready will be taken out of the world before the tribulation week. We never get to the place that we are not tempted and it is not temptation that we are to escape, I am sure. We will be persecuted for righteousness' sake, according to Jesus' own words, and many will be killed for His name. We feel that the thing we are to escape is the great tribulation week. The awful suffering and torture for the Christians who are left to go through that week, will be terrible.

The latter part of the verse says "and stand before the Son of man." All who meet the Lord in the air will stand before Him in judgment, to which our text refers.

Every work must come into judgment. "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned," Matt. 12:36, 37. Every transgression and every word will have to be atoned for or people will have to meet them at the judgment. When our sins are forgiven and we are made a new creature in Christ Jesus, old things are done away and all things become new.

In this judgment of reward only the works of righteousness will be in question, because the Christians have been forgiven and at the coming of Christ they get their glorified bodies or final redemption.

"For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ," Rom. 14:9, 10.

In these verses Paul is warning the people at Rome concerning their life and conduct; especially is he warning them against judging one another and setting at nought their Christian brother. This is so often done by Christians. Possibly

they don't think how serious it is. The judgment seat referred to here, I am sure, is at the time when He will judge the saints somewhere in the heavens.

"Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him," Eph. 6:8, 9.

God is no respecter of persons and regardless of wealth or culture every one will receive a reward for the good he does. The most refined can be humble, work for God, and be a blessing to those with whom they come in contact. The poorest can have the victory in their hearts and labor in the Master's vineyard, and when Christ comes to reward His children their reward will be just as great as that of any one.

"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works," Matt. 16:27. These are the words of Jesus while on earth and they refer to the judgment of rewards for the righteous.

"But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: and thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just," Luke 14:13, 14.

Here we find Jesus telling those who were following Him, that for all the good things that they could do for the poor they would not lose their reward, and they were to be rewarded at the resurrection of the just. We are sure this bears out the thought that there will be rewards given when the righteous are brought forth, and Christ will be the rewarder.

"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing," 2 Tim. 4:5-8.

This was near the close of Paul's life-work and he was confirming the thought of the reward of the saints at Jesus' coming to catch His faithful servants away. His crown is termed a crown of righteousness. For all the good deeds that the Christians do, their reward or crown will be made up, and Jesus will be the Great Judge to deliver these rewards. This certainly will be a wonderful time. I agree with the song that says we shall crown Him Lord of all. I imagine the saints,

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The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

Conducted by SAM C. PERRY, 52 N. W. 35th St., Miami, Fla.

Jesus Our Lord

Jesus is not yet made King, but He is our Lord. When the disciples called Him Lord and Master He said, "So I am."

The word "lord" is a very strong term. It means master, owner, sole ruler. However, there are many professed Christians who have never submitted to Jesus as their Lord, but they live for themselves as their dress, spirit and actions show.

1. If Jesus is your Lord you have submitted your all to Him. That means every affair of your life, materially and spiritually, definitely and positively put into His hands. Up to the time Saul of Tarsus was knocked down on his way to Damascus Jesus had meant nothing to him. But now hear him say, "Who art thou Lord?" From this time he recognized the authority of Jesus over him and yielded to Him, and hereafter the dearest thought of his whole life is his faithfulness to Jesus his Lord.

2. The claims of Jesus upon every man are just and fair, and cannot be denied. In the first place God created us and we are told that Christ is "the first born of every creature: for by him were all things created, that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him." Col. 1:16. Then it is said, "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof," 1 Cor. 10:26, and whether we live or die, the apostle says, "We are the Lord's," Rom. 14:8. To be a Christian means to acknowledge the rights of Christ in our hearts and lives, and in the world.

3. In acknowledging Jesus as Lord a rigid and strict life is required. "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way." He must control our words. He must control the inner spirit. He must control our outward conduct, all material and financial matters, and even our own thoughts must be submitted to Him. Otherwise He says, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Men think that He is hard and unfair. But such is not the case. A full and careful compliance with His demands is the only way to peace and happiness here or hereafter. The Lord is not a tyrant, but He loves us and wants to save us, and there is no other way to do it.

4. The Christian means so much to the Lord that He has a will or plan for each life. Much is said in the Scriptures about the will of the Lord. His will is revealed in the gospel. The apostles made it clear to the people in their preaching. Special

commands were given to help people to understand it. Paul gives advice and counsel and then says this is not my command but "the Lord," 1 Cor. 7:10. And he would have them be careful that certain relationships be "only in the Lord." How much it means to so live that all of our life and service shall be "in the Lord"—in His will, in His Spirit—acceptable and pleasing in His sight.

Many people are won to the spell of a meeting, rather than being won to a clear, intelligent acceptance of Jesus Christ and His claims upon their lives.

Sympathy: Sympathy is frozen by suspicion. It is dried up by a critical spirit, and censure chokes it. Rumors and gossip which herald others' weakness and magnify their faults, are calculated to defraud them of our consideration of their circumstances and a just appreciation of their qualities.—*Spiritual Life.*

Faith: Faith is dead to doubts, dumb to discouragements, blind to impossibilities, knows nothing but success.

Faith lifts its hands up through the threatening clouds, lays hold of Him who has all power in heaven and on earth.

Faith makes the uplook good, the outlook bright, the inlook favorable, and the future glorious. Amen.—*Selected.*

Some "Ins" for the Christians

The Christian, or believer in Christ, is described as being "in Christ." God hath established us "in Christ," 2 Cor. 1:21. He hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings "in Christ," Eph. 1:3. He will eventually "gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him," v. 12. "The dead in Christ shall rise first," 1 Thess. 4:16.

But what does it mean to be in Christ? "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new," 2 Cor. 5:17. The born-again, blood-washed Christian is in Christ, and lives a victorious life here in this sinful world by the power of the indwelling Christ.

A fruitful life in Christ: The fruitful Christian life is the result of the life of Christ in the heart. Jesus is the true vine, the believers are the fruit-bearing branches in Him. They are to be filled with fruits of righteousness, "fruitful

in every good work," by Christ Jesus.

All the good things in the Christian come from Christ. Without Jesus we "can do nothing." He that hath the Son of God "hath life," but he that has not the Son does not have life, but is dead in trespasses and sins. Life, with every blessing and every good thing we have, comes from Christ.

Things that are in the Christian. Among the things mentioned in the Christian we find faith, love, patience, virtue, knowledge, temperance, godliness, etc. "If these things be in you and abound they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ," 2 Peter 1:8.

The Christian's joy is by faith in Christ. God has given many of His saints open visions from time to time. But His rule is to give the joys of salvation to the believer by faith. Of Jesus, the apostle Peter says, (1 Peter 1:8) "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now we see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

Among those in Christ there is unity of fellowship. We read that "all that believed were together." We read of some who "went to their own company." There is a fellowship in joy. There is a fellowship in times of trial and tribulation. The true Christian "can rejoice with them that rejoice and weep with them that weep."

There is a work to be carried on in the believer. For the purpose of "perfecting the saints" and carrying on the Lord's work in the hearts of the people sermons were preached, epistles written and teachers sent out to teach. How far short will that Christian fall who fails to pray, read, study and meditate upon the things of God, as a means of perfecting the faith which is in him. There are such commands as "pray without ceasing," "search the Scriptures," "study to shew thyself approved unto God," "meditate upon these things," etc.

It's in the way of suffering, the way of the cross, that the believer comes into Christ, and the things of Christ come into him. How much Paul said about the cross. How little men hear or know about the cross now. But it is the way of the cross by which we are to come in, and then remain in.

"For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so also our consolation also aboundeth by Christ," 2 Cor. 1:5.

"Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be manifested in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh," 2 Cor. 4:10, 11.

Remember Orphanage Drive Easter Sunday

News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

O'er Ocean Waters by Little Sail Boat to Turks Island

We arrived by car over the island of Haiti to the little city of Port-De-Paix. It lies to the extreme north of the island. Here we were introduced to our first dangerous trip over the waters. We boarded a little sail boat, about thirty-five feet long, loaded with oranges and bananas. It was on a Thursday afternoon when we pulled away from harbor, with one hundred and sixty miles of water to cross and nearly all heavy seas. When we rounded the last land point and headed north, the crew told me one had drowned there in a storm not long before. I began to realize the risk, but there was no other way to get to Turks Island and I had to discharge my duty. I slept in the stern of the little boat on the planks. The wind arose and was against us and for three days and nights we sailed against head winds. The waves broke over the bow of the little sail boat as she plunged and kicked in the black waters. The smoke from the little fireplace, where the meals were cooked, never ceased to fill the little cabin in which I tried to stay. So we became very seasick, homesick and sore, sore because of lying so long on planks. It was a good place for one to be who wanted to search his heart and measure his consecration. I thought of two miles of water below me, seventy miles from land on either side, in a little sail boat and a strong wind blowing high waves over the bow, yes, and perhaps I would never see my little wife, eldest son and twin boys, seven months old, again. DOES IT PAY? I asked myself. Then came the little chorus, "Keep pressing along, dear children, with courage true, for the Lord will lead you through. With trouble and cares on every side He will always be standing by your side, for the harder the battle the sweeter the victory." Yes, it will pay over in yonder's city. Praise the Lord!

STUCK ON SAND BAR

The wind blew us off course and we were driven on a sand bar forty miles from land (quite a distance to swim and fight sharks) and we were stranded for five hours as the boat rocked in the waves and beat on the bottom. The tide arose and finally we were floated off. This was in the middle of the night and as day broke the pilot located his position and we were able to make Turks Island the next day soon after noon. Well, it was a great trip with many experiences but the Lord was with us.

GREAT CROWDS AT GRAND TURK

The hall we rented in Turks Island was packed to the doors, and dozens standing outside. The people are hungry for God and drank in every word. This makes the possibilities great for the Church. We found Brother Rigby, the overseer, doing his best for the cause, but he has an uphill fight as the land is stricken with poverty and thus the moral condition is not so good. I could write much along this line but time and space will not permit. Remember us in prayer and remember the MISSIONS. God bless you all.—Paul H. Walker.

TURKS ISLAND, B. W. I. — Dear Evangel readers, greetings. I thank God for what He is to me and for the way He keeps me from the fiery darts of the wicked one.

The churches in Turks Island are moving on fine and the Lord is blessing us wonderfully. We are making a tent in Kew Turks Island so when our General Overseer comes he will find a bigger place prepared for him to work, also one in Blue Hills. We are trying to be satisfied with just what state we are in and God will give us the victory. I have a good many churches in Turks Island to visit and I have to be going all the time. I am busy now. I am preparing and waiting for our overseer to investigate the work in these islands and to give us speed.

I love to work for God and His people though the devil rages sometimes, but my determination is to endure to the perfect end. Sometimes I can't get sleep at night. I just have to study and fix this and that to get things in line. An overseer's work is an open-eye and brain work and to continue praying to God for wisdom. We are responsible for the work of God and as the prophet Ezekiel says in Ezek. 34:5, 6; 33:6; Acts 20:28, 29. To be responsible for God's people is not a plaything.

Pray for me to be a real full timer for God and His Church. I am thanking the dear ones who sent me the Evangels. I received them safely. God bless you; your gifts help to spread the work in these islands. May God bless every one.—A. W. Rigby, missionary overseer.

I Turned Back To God

MOUNT HEBRON, Calif. — We thank the Lord for the way He has been blessing us here in Mount Hebron.

When I was fifteen years old I started

to live for the Lord. I was saved and sanctified at Culberson, N. C. A new church was just started and I was the only young member. It was so hard for me to live right and how the devil worked. In 1931 trouble came my way and I began going down, drifting far from God. I turned back to God in 1938 and He gave me the blessed Holy Ghost and new life began with me.

Dear friend, I look back over the seven years that I wasted and if I had gone on and received the Holy Ghost and let the light shine to those young people maybe I could have won several of those boys and girls. But oh, I want to let my light shine to these boys and girls.

Dear readers, please pray for us here. We have started a Sunday School and we have twenty-five enrolled; one or two new ones come every Sunday.

My sister and I have been fasting two meals a day for months, and praying for these people to be saved, and now the change there is in these people. Everybody is talking about God and the Bible. We are going to have a revival soon, I hope, for these people seem so hungry for meeting and the Word of God. Oh, glory to God, I feel the fire burning in my soul. Pray for me to hold out to the end.—Mrs. J. W. Harper.

RADIO BROADCASTS

We will be glad to publish your broadcasts if you will send them in to us.

WRGA, Rome, Ga. The Church of God, A. H. Batts, pastor, each Monday from 10:30 to 11:00 a. m.

WCSC, Charleston, S. C. 1360 KC, each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m. Church of God, Porter M. White, pastor.

WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C. Each Sunday at 3:00-3:45 p. m. Odie Smith in charge.

WAPO, Chattanooga, Tenn., Soddy, Daisy and North Chattanooga Churches of God, each Saturday morning from 6:00-6:30.

WBIG, Greensboro, N. C. 1440 KC, each Sunday evening 5:45. A. M. Phillips, pastor.

WOPI, Bristol, Tenn., 1500 KC. Each Sunday from 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. E.S.T. R. C. Cook, pastor.

WBTM, Danville, Va. Each Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. A. O. Stewart, district overseer. KGDE, Fergus Falls, Minn. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:15 to 1:45 p. m. Each Sunday 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. H. E. Ramsey in charge.

WMFD, Wilmington, N. C. Each Sunday from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. H. T. Durden, pastor.

KADA, Ada, Okla., Feb. 16, 10:00 a. m. E. T. Curtsinger, pastor.

WSOC, Charlotte, N. C. Each Saturday, 8:30-9:00 a. m. Charlotte and Belmont, N. C. Churches of God, W. M. Stallings and A. V. Childers, pastors.

WSTP, Salisbury, N. C. 1500 KC, Kannapolis, N. C. Church of God, each Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:00. U. D. Tidwell, pastor.

WATL, 1370 KC, Atlanta, Ga. Church of God. Each Sunday 3:00-3:30 p. m. W. T. Nelson, pastor.

KOCA, Kilgore, Tex. 250 watts, 1200 KC. R. E. Wright.

WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C. Sunrise service, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6:30-7:00 a. m.; Sunday, 6:30-7:15 a. m. The Gospel Band, Saturday, 3:45-4:15 p. m. C. W. Dempsey, pastor.

WMPC, Lapeer, Mich. 1300 KC. Each Friday morning 10:30-11:00. The Church of God, Flint, Mich. W. M. Barnard, pastor.

Remember Orphanage Drive Easter Sunday

BIBLE SCHOOL ECHOES

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God," 2 Tim. 2:15.

NAMES AND AMOUNTS PAID BY THE FOLLOWING ON THE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

Individuals

Paul H. Walker, \$50.00; Roy J. Staats, \$35.00; L. W. McIntyre, \$30.00; Thomas M. Elrod, \$1.00; Gertrude Alexander, \$5.00; E. H. Thomas, \$5.00.

Churches

Macclesney, Fla., \$10.18; East Detroit, Mich., \$17.00; Blue Diamond, Ky., \$2.40; Henrietta, Tex., \$1.00; Negro Creek, Ky., \$1.00; Dillon, S. C., \$1.00.

NOTICES

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understand this is the first Bible School of its kind to be held in the state of Pennsylvania. We're expecting it to prove a great blessing to the entire church. Pray for us.—Mrs. C. H. Shaw, Williamsburg, Pa.

To the people in Arkansas: We have been given the state superintendent's work over the Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools of this state and we believe God is going to give us a great year. Our prayers are for you and we are ready to help you in any way we can. Pastors, let us work hard because the Lord will bless us if we do and give us souls. Encourage the young people and boost the Sunday Schools. We are glad for those who have been reporting and trust that all will soon be sending us complete and good reports. Some have failed to get their reports to us on time to be sent in, so please get your report in by the tenth of each month.—Your state superintendent, George E. Brazell, 4618 W. 29th St., Little Rock, Ark.

I would like to get in touch with Brother Louis Kitts, last heard of in Memphis, Tenn. If anyone knows his address, please let me know.—C. E. Berryhill, Tusculumbia, Ala.

The annual district convention of the Wayne and Mingo districts will convene at Delbarton, W. Va. April 7-9, followed by a revival held by Sister Alberta Wiggins. We invite all of the neighboring churches to attend our convention, also pray for the success of our revival.—E. H. Bowen, district overseer, Box 135, Delbarton, W. Va.

Sweet To Know We Are in His Will

DANBURY, N. C. — It is a great pleasure to report victory in Jesus' precious name. As some of my Church of God brethren know, I came into the Church less than a year ago, but I am happy today because I was led in by the Holy Spirit of God. It is so sweet to know

that we are in the center of His will. I came from another well-known holiness movement but I was never satisfied until I got in the dear Church of God.

We now have a good work started in Winston-Salem, N. C., where good interest is shown and God is greatly blessing, but we do not have a building. We are praying that we may have a good tent revival in the early summer there, followed by the building of a church. There has never been a Church of God in Winston-Salem, so please pray for us that we may get the work on a firm and secure Bible Church of God foundation where He may bless and prosper us.

Our Sunday School enrollment there is near one hundred and the congregation numbers from seventy-five to one hundred and twenty-five. Winston-Salem is the second largest city in North Carolina. Several have been saved, some sanctified and six or eight filled with the Holy Ghost. Again I say we covet your prayers.—V. C. Ramey.



PRAY FOR:

Me to be healed of severe head trouble; my family; the church at Hilliard.—Walter Crews, Hilliard, Fla.

Me to be healed and stand true; unspoken request.—Geneva Morgan, Morgantown, Miss.

My eyes to be healed; the work here.—Vallie Layell, State Road, N. C.

Mother's head to be healed; God to touch my body.—Mrs. Ezra Johnson, Barboursville, W. Va.

Revival.—George L. Cravens, Chavies, Ky.

God to heal my wife and me; unspoken request.—D. T. Webb, Box 304, Phoenix, Ariz.

Me to be healed of kidney poison; husband to be saved; me to stand true.—Mrs. Colleen Davis, Earle St., Walhalla, S. C.

My little boy to be healed; me to grow stronger; this community.—Lillian Palmer, Rt. 1, Guntown, Miss.

Unspoken request.—Mrs. Goldie Lane, Blacksburg, S. C.

Me to grow stronger in the Lord.—Ernest Ashmore, Lake Park, Ga.

My mouth to be healed of sores; my baby and me to be healed of flu; our district convention.—Mrs. Willie Durr, Rt. 1, Box 15, Isola, Miss.

Two unspoken requests.—Mamie McGuire, Gastonia, N. C.

Man to be delivered of the drink habit; he and his people to see the light on the Church.—Mrs. Zelma Darr, Rt. 2, Brookville, Pa.

Unspoken requests.—Ruth Scarborough, Box 185, Lacoochee, Fla.

My mother to be saved and healed.—

C. Bell, Albert Town, Jam., B.W.I.

Unspoken request.—Mrs. Frank Curtis, Candler, N. C.

God to undertake in my home and save my husband.—Mrs. Delcenia Driver, in care of N. A. Bolt, Rt. 4, McMinnville, Tenn.

God to undertake, give us a happy home and save us. Encouraging letters appreciated.—Mrs. Nellie Lemaster, Rt. 1, Headrick, Okla.

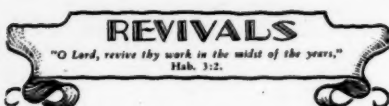
Has First Place in My Life

BOAZ, Ala.—I praise the Lord for His healing power. About four weeks ago my tonsils rose. It seemed like I could bear it no longer. My faith began to weaken, for just one year ago we stood and watched my little sister die of this same trouble. The enemy gave me a hard battle, so I began to take this little thing and that, as so many would say, "This is the thing you need to do." But everything failed. It seemed like all my brothers and sisters had prayed so faithfully, but still there was something lacking. I thought of leaving my darling babies and sweet husband. It was more than I could bear. I thought surely it was my time to go, but we had prayer once again. After some time in prayer God came on the scene and the old time power fell. I was all over the bed in a second and when I came to myself I had decided I was just ready to live, for the healing power was still in the room. I am praising God for it. I will never stop praising Him. He is all I need. I want to always give Him first place in my life. Please pray for my home. I am surely glad for my little place in the Church of God. I am more determined to work for the Lord.—Imogene Black.

Jesus the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever

We praise the Lord that He is the same yesterday, today and forever, that He never changes but is always the same. He saves, sanctifies, fills with the Holy Ghost and fire today the same as before. He also heals all sickness.

Some time ago I had a request in the Evangel for a woman who had gallstones and was at the point of a nervous breakdown. Later she took her bed and they took her to the hospital. The doctors said there was no hope, but they operated on her and removed her gall bladder. She was very low for a few days but her church people and the Church of God folk held on to the Lord in prayer and God has brought her safely through. We praise God for His mercy and goodness in sparing her life and bringing her home to her loved ones. She is better now than she was for a long time. All honor and glory is given to Him. Pray that she will go the way with the Lord.—Sylvia Donmoyer, Ephrata, Pa.



LARGO, Fla.—Some of the saints say that we are having the greatest stirring in years. Brother and Sister Pauls of California are the evangelists. Ten or twelve have been saved so far and the end is not yet. Praise God!

We surely thank God for Brother and Sister Pauls; they are surely yielded to the Lord. People have been coming in from other churches and like the services. Some have shouted for the first time in several years, so they say. We are looking for a mighty time in the Lord here in Largo this year.—Brother Lemuel Johnson, Box 15.

COMBS, Ky.—Sister Keith, our local leader, started a meeting Jan. 8 and continued one week and Brothers Cravens and his coworker came and the revival ran altogether four weeks. During this time Brother B. H. Enix, our district overseer, came two nights. The Lord surely blessed our souls, for which we give Him all the praise.

There were four saved, two sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, four baptized in water and five came in the church, one by transfer. On the last night we took the Lord's Supper and had feet washing.—Elijah Fraley, clerk.

BLUE DIAMOND, Ky.—A wonderful revival closed Feb. 12 with Brother James Stephens, evangelist, accompanied by Vance West. Nine were saved, seven sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Everyone was blessed and the effects of the revival are still here. Brother Stephens is a wonderful evangelist and any church will be blessed to have him for a revival.—Miss Helen Begley.

MATOAKA, W. Va.—We, the Church of God at Weyanoke, W. Va., praise the Lord for another revival which closed March 6. Brother B. O. Graybeal of Bristol, Va., was in charge and brought each message under the mighty anointing of the Holy Ghost. Much old time conviction was observed among the old and young alike and the Lord wonderfully blessed from the very beginning. Fifteen were saved, eleven sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, seven added to the church, eight baptized in water, and the church greatly revived.

During the revival we had communion service and feet washing and the Lord certainly set His approval on that. We praise the good Lord for sending us a good evangelist like Brother Graybeal and hope He will send him back for another revival in the near future.

We covet the prayers of everyone that our church will rise and shine for the

glory of God.—C. J. Norris, clerk.

McVEIGH, Ky.—We closed a good revival Sunday night, Feb. 26. This revival began with Brother Hicks, our state overseer, preaching from his big chart on prophecy, which gave us a good start and folks came through shouting the victory the first week. Then Brother James Frazier of Alabama came and continued the revival for three weeks. Brother Frazier did some good preaching and several claimed definite experiences. One was added to the church. We feel that this revival has been a great blessing to McVeigh church.—T. A. Richard, pastor, Box 124, Pinsonfork, Ky.

OKEECHOBEE, Fla.—We have just closed a five weeks' revival with Sister Alberta Wiggins, evangelist, in charge. I think there were seven saved, two sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Several were definitely healed of various afflictions. Several messages in tongues were given, and interpretations followed, encouraging the saints to live true. Numbers of the saints were greatly encouraged to press on and attain to deeper experiences which are greatly needed everywhere. We here are anxious to see Mark 16:17, 18 fulfilled. The Church of God today is in need of folks who know God and are not afraid to call on Him and trust Him. Pray for us here; God is still on the throne.—Chas. H. Shaw, pastor.

JAMBOREE, Ky.—Brother Allen Tomblin held a revival at Jamboree, Ky. This surely was a wonderful revival. God blessed. Ten were saved, seven sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, two reclaimed, and three added to the church.—Eli Coleman, clerk.

HICKORY, N. C.—About three weeks ago we closed a good revival in Longview, which is in West Hickory. Sister Dovie Maltba did the preaching. Sister Maltba is a new preacher and a good one. She had what I call a very successful revival. There were some saved, some sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. There is a good interest in that part of town now. Sister Maltba is in the evangelistic work and I am sure she can be a blessing to your church.—W. J. Pritchard, pastor.

CANTON, N. C.—The Lord is blessing here at Canton, N. C. We have just closed a very successful revival. It began the 29th of January with Brother Roy Davis in charge. He gave out some wonderful messages and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way from the first service. Brother Davis was here two weeks then Sister Mary Lee Thompson took charge for the last two weeks. She did

some good preaching. The Holy Ghost took charge at different times and the preacher did not get to preach but just let the Holy Ghost have His way and we all rejoiced together in the Lord. There were twenty-four saved, sixteen sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost and nineteen added to the church. The revival closed Feb. 26 with a large crowd and the altar full of seekers. We are encouraged and looking for the Lord to do great things here.—Mrs. Fred Queen, clerk.

HARRISBURG, Ill.—We just closed a two weeks' revival. The Lord is still blessing at Equality, Brother Jeff Milligan, pastor. There was an outpouring of the Holy Ghost with twenty-four saved, twenty sanctified and thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost.

I also held a revival at Muddy, Ill., with a few folk from Harrisburg helping. We had another old-time, Pentecostal Church of God meeting two and one-half weeks. Twenty-one were saved, ten sanctified and five filled with the Holy Ghost. This is new work; we are having services twice a week now. Prospects look good. We desire the prayers of everyone that God will have His way.—Brother Johnny Ganz, 715 W. South St.

EASTON, Md.—Truly we thank the Lord for the privilege of serving Him. He is so real that we not only know that He lives but He lives within our heart. He is such a wonderful Savior. Among the many things we thank Him for the privilege of having Brother and Sister Kinsley with us in a three weeks' revival. Sister Kinsley brought us messages that were close and food to our souls, and as she has been a missionary to Africa we enjoyed hearing some of her experiences while there. She also gave some missionary dialogues at different times which were very interesting. We were visited by members of other churches on the shore as well as from our home town. Brother and Sister Marine came from Baltimore and brought their musicians one evening, which we enjoyed. While there were only four who professed to be saved, we believe seed have been sowed and we will leave the results with the Lord. The meeting was a great blessing to us. Please pray for us.—Mrs. Elizabeth Perry.

GOOD REVIVAL AT WAPATO, WASHINGTON

WAPATO, Wash.—We began a revival Jan. 15 with Brother and Sister Stubblefield doing the preaching, with Sister Laws, their helper, who is also a preacher, and Sister Axtell, who came to the Church of God out of the Assembly of God. She was faithful at the piano and helping the young people with good specials. They were all at their best in

preaching, singing and praying in the altar. We appreciate their every effort and hope they will come back again. It was Brother Stubblefield's first revival, but God wonderfully blessed them. Sister Stubblefield has been preaching for sometime. A number were saved and sanctified but we were not able to keep account of them. We counted twenty-three who received the Holy Ghost. Twelve were baptized in water. Brother Duncan said it surely was cold. We wished you Florida preachers would try it. Twenty were added to the church and we all rejoiced and shouted the victory.

God is still blessing in the great Northwest. The Holy Ghost took charge a night or so and there was no preaching. Many nights the house could not seat the people. It was estimated that there were around three hundred fifty inside and a crowd stood outside. When the enemy came in as a flood God raised up a standard against him. If you want a good revival just get the whole body to praying. We have a good, loyal band of young men and women who did some fasting and praying, as well as the older ones. It does not take old experienced preachers to bring a revival, but lots of prayer and letting God have His way. Four received the Holy Ghost one night and three another night. God poured us out showers of blessings and we felt like it was a flood sometimes. The saints shouted, danced and praised God with all their might. One would have had to be here to understand what God did for us, for it seemed that the Son of God was in our very midst, for which we thank and praise God.

We have been out here nearly fifteen months and there have been between seventy and eighty baptized with the Holy Ghost here at Wapato. If some of you good Florida preachers want to come out here, don't be afraid. You will not get away from God, for He is surely out here. There is a song that says, Where Jesus is will be heaven for me. Count the cost, pay the price and come on and help in this needy field. There are about twenty-six Church of God preachers in three states, so why be idle? Stir up your pure mind, dear brother, and come on. God will bless your efforts. May God help you.—Mrs. Alex J. Duncan, Box 106.

CUMBERLAND MT., Tenn. — We just closed a revival with Brother E. Lesley Simmons, Jr. in charge. Eighteen were wonderfully saved, eight sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. We appreciated having Brother Lesley here with his good singing and timely messages from night to night. We feel that much good has been done. We appreciate the ministry of this young man and invite him back to be with us again

sometime.—Bill and Kathryn Cook, Whitwell, Tenn.

EVARTS, Ky.—There's been a revival at Kenvir, Ky., at the Methodist church, three miles from Evarts, conducted by one of our Church of God evangelists, Brother Theo Jones of Covington, Ky. There were 353 converted, 203 baptized in water, several sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The meeting closed with the altar filled and others trying to get to it. Brother Jones is planning to organize and build a new church building. God is with him. Please pray a special prayer for him and for the church at Evarts.—Mrs. Mildred Gilbert.

JASPER, Fla.—On the night of Jan. 29 we began a series of meetings which culminated in a three-weeks' revival, conducted by Brother J. A. Tarpley of Copperhill, Tenn. He seemed to be at even better than the best I had ever heard him preach. He led the folks out on the revelation of prophetic subjects and preached evangelistic sermons straight and plain. One received the Holy Ghost and a number were blessed by praying through to other blessings. The saints were stirred and very much encouraged. There has been a better spirit in our services since this revival than there has been in a long time. We are very thankful to the Lord for sending Brother Tarpley our way and hope to have him and Sister Tarpley with us again. We feel sure that they can be a blessing to your church and you will never regret having these good, consecrated folks come to your church for a meeting.—D. J. Cupp, pastor.

DAVIS, W. Va.—We are truly thankful to God for the three weeks' revival which just closed here. Brother Wm. N. Everly was the evangelist and he is one of the best evangelists we have ever had here at Davis. He is a real man of God and preaches the Word in its fullness. God sent him to us just at the time the church needed a spiritual uplift and his messages were soul-inspiring and uplifting spiritual food. I believe every saint was fed and encouraged to look up and stand firmer for Jesus. One night the Holy Ghost took charge of the service and gave a message in tongues. It was really wonderful. The attendance was good and some came out to hear him preach who never before were interested in our services.

Sister Everly also held us a very successful revival a few months ago. We can truly say the Everlys have proved a great blessing to the Church of God here. We are looking for the time when God will send them to us again.

Our district pastor, Brother Gardener, and his wife of Elkins were with us one night, also some of the good people of

Elkins and other roundabout places.

Pray for us here at Davis, also for Brother and Sister Everly. We believe they are the best we have ever had.—Mrs. Viola Cassaday, clerk.

DODDSVILLE, Miss.—We praise the Lord for the revival which began Feb. 18 and ran two weeks with Sister Lillian Busby doing the preaching. The Lord blessed. Four were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and the saints greatly revived. We have a loyal band of members here at Pilgrim Rest who work with us and we have such unity and love for which we praise God. We desire the prayers that this church will continue to grow and prosper.—Mrs. L. A. Harville.

STANFIELD, N. C. — I praise the Lord for the successful revival we have just closed here. Every service was enjoyed and the mighty power and demonstrations of the Holy Ghost were in our midst. The revival was conducted by Brother and Sister Hillhouse, pastor of the church in Concord, N. C. Every sermon was given out in much power; the saints were revived and the sick healed by the power of the Lord. There were twenty-five converted, twenty-six sanctified, twenty-seven filled with the Holy Ghost and fifteen added to the church. We appreciate Brother and Sister Hillhouse and hope to have them with us again soon. We also appreciate our humble pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister W. D. Lowder. They have done a wonderful work in our community and we all love them.—Mrs. Ira L. Harward, Albemarle, N. C.

SANFORD, N. C. — Praise the Lord for the old time revival we have just closed. It ran two weeks and God gloriously blessed. We had with us the Verrico evangelistic party. Brother Verrico preached the gospel in the old time way with the mighty manifestation of the Holy Ghost. Fifty-two were saved, twenty-two sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost and twenty-two added to the church.

The Church of God in Sanford is growing by leaps and bounds. We have a good Sunday School with an attendance anywhere from one hundred and fifty to one hundred and ninety. We have a splendid Y. P. E. with a large group of young people who are willing to work. Brother Paul L. Thurman is our pastor and we thank God for him and his good wife. They are humble, consecrated people who live close to the Lord. Surely the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Pray for us that our church may continue to shine for God, and pray for me that I may stay in the center of His will.—Mrs. Mayme Allen, 115 Linden Ave.

BRIEF REPORTS

*"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.***Feel Like Pressing On For The Prize**

CLANTON, Ala.—To the Evangel, greetings. I feel like pressing on toward the mark for the prize just ahead and this is indeed a pressing time. Sin is all around but God's Word says where sin doth abound the grace of God doth much more abound.

Please pray for my wife and me that we may hold on to God as it is a little hard out here where we don't get to go to meeting. There is no Church of God or any other holiness meetings to go to. Also pray for my wife to be healed of an injury caused from a fall.

Amid all this Jesus is so real and dear to me. I feel His presence so near. Bless His dear name. Surely His grace is sufficient to carry us through.

Everybody pray that I can soon get out to preaching a little as I am not satisfied to sit still.—Your humble servant, J. S. Collins, Rt. 4.

Dear Evangel family everywhere, greetings. I am the only one in this little town with the Holy Ghost. Many other sisters were here but everything got so hard they have gone to other islands, so just think of me, I have to stand this alone with Jesus to help me.

The overseer, A. W. Rigby, cannot stay here as he has to come and go. He comes every month. Pray for the condition of these people. Sometimes there is such a crowd outside of the little building where I have meeting. Brother A. W. Rigby is building a little building to worship in. We have to wait on the Lord to help us get a good building. Pray for me to bear the hardships in Grand Turk until all things get fixed. It is hard for me. The people are good enough now, they don't throw stones at me as they did in times past. I have one sister to help now. She is saved again but hasn't got the Holy Ghost. Pray for her, her unsaved husband and four children. She has much trouble to keep victory with an unsaved husband. It means much trouble for her. Please pray much for them. I have no Bible. Please pray that God will send me a concordance. I have only a Testament and I want a Bible.—Sarah E. Tucker, Grand Turk, B. W. I.

God Is Still on the Throne

ARLINGTON, Ga.—It is my pleasure to represent Jesus as my Lord and Master. I praise the Lord that in August, 1937, I was saved; July 10, 1938, I was sanctified, and on the 12th of March, 1939, I received the wonderful Holy

Ghost and fire, Acts 2:4. Praise His Holy name. The old devil tried to make me doubt, but, praise God, there is no room between my Lord and me for any doubt whatever. I am the only one around here who is trying to live the life of holiness. There is not a holiness movement at all here. I belong to the Church of God at Iron City, Ga., and would not be satisfied in any other. I desire the prayers of all.—Ira J. Lee.

WARRIOR, Ala.—Thank God for His blessings to us at Coaldale, Ala., on the Trafford district. We have had His wonderful blessings upon us since the beginning of the Assembly year. We have just closed a wonderful revival here and the Lord surely did bless. Brother A. W. Mills and family and Sister Louise Kelly were with us for three weeks, Brother Mills doing the preaching. Nine were

saved, four sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water and eight added to the church. Brother Mills can be a blessing to your church. He is now at the Church of God at Fairmont for a two week's revival.

Everybody please pray that God's blessings and power will continue to be with us at Coaldale.—E. H. Thomas, pastor.

JEFFERSON, S. C.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing us at Jefferson and for the revival we had. Brother J. H. Hevener of Wadesboro, N. C. stayed with us three nights. He got sick and had to be carried home. We then got Brother Colie Edwards, pastor at Ruby, S.C. He could be with us only five nights and he preached only three times as the good Holy Ghost took charge. Three were saved, four sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for us.—Miss Thelma Rollins, Rt. 4.

NAIRNE CASTLE, Jam., B. W. I.—We thank God for the way He is blessing our new church here. On Jan. 1 five

GOOD NEWS FROM DETROIT, MICH.

Immanuel Lutheran church building recently purchased by the Church of God, Detroit, Mich.

We are now in a revival in East Side, Detroit, Mich. God is blessing and souls are being saved. Many are seeking the Holy Ghost. Brother M. M. Mortenson from Huntington, W. Va., was with us for about two weeks and brought some fine messages and God blessed his efforts.

The Church here has been working hard to get a building in which to worship and we have now purchased the Immanuel Lutheran church building just a block from our present location. It is in a nice residential section, at 2561 Beniteau Avenue. We also have first chance to buy the parsonage next to the church. It is a nice, eight-room, modern home. The church will be occupied by the Church of God on Easter Sunday,

April 9. We will have Sunday School and the district Y. P. E. and Sunday School rally on that day. All are invited.

The church is a nice building, full fifty-two-foot basement, with space for five Sunday School rooms, two nice rest rooms, and the main auditorium is seated with fine, oak factory-built seats with pipe organ, also piano in basement, extra primary chairs, and other necessary things. God has answered prayer and our people are overjoyed. We believe the work here will soon forge to the front. We are expecting 150 or 200 in Sunday School Easter Sunday. How we thank God for His blessings!—J. A. Bixler, pastor, 2954 St. Jean Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

candidates were baptized in water by our dear pastor, C. T. Johnson. Four have been sanctified and one added to the church. Our Sunday School is improving rapidly. Please pray for Brother E. Hower, our leader, who is willing to die on the field for the Lord. Pray for us, we need your prayers; we are having a hard fight.—E. Sharpe, clerk; E. S. Parara, writer.

A Word of Encouragement to the Sick

GEORGETOWN, Ohio.—Dear saints, I praise the Lord because I am saved, sanctified and the sweet Holy Ghost abides. I feel that I have so many things to thank the Lord for. I thank Him for His great healing power that has been manifested in our home. I'm so thankful that He healed our little boy of hemorrhages of the lungs. A young man who was at our home when the little boy began to get better said, "Oh well, that's the way T. B. works." He said, "They will get better for a while but it will soon come back on them." But, praise God, that was fourteen months ago and he is still in good health. He played outdoors during the winter and went sleigh riding with the other boys, something he was never able to do before. I hope this may encourage someone else in need of God's great healing.

God also healed my family and me of a breaking out on our bodies. One of the boys got so bad with it he had sores as large as a dime all over his hands and knees. I wrote to Sister Ben Ellis at Rich Hill, Mo., for an anointed cloth which I received in a few days. Some of us were healed almost instantly.

I desire the prayers of all that I will be true to God and do His will. Please pray for my unsaved family, brothers and sisters.—Mrs. Haley Maynard, Rt. 1.

No Friend Like Jesus

DOTHAN, Ala.—Dear saints, I became a member of the Church of God in 1936 and I am still striving to be true to Jesus. I have a stronger desire than ever.

I have been sick in body about three months. In January the hospital doctors said they couldn't do anything for me except give me some tablets for pain, unless I would go to the hospital. I had blood poison and needed three operations. I had cancer or tumor, also had grippe and almost had pneumonia, but, praise the Lord, I put my trust in Him and said, "Take me or heal me, Lord. I am tired of this sinsick world anyway." So the Lord has healed me of everything except that I need one operation. That is all the doctors here could find wrong with me.

Pray that God will make me every whit whole, if it is His will. I believe He will. I am here visiting my mother. I live

in Hubbard, Ohio. I have been through fiery trials, but God's grace is sufficient. I praise God for Brother Rouse. He prayed for me too. I praise the Lord for every child of God who prayed for me, including the colored saints. I feel that God has a work for me to do. Pray that He will give me wisdom to know His will and give me a willing and obedient mind. I want to go wherever He leads. I am poor and weak but He is rich and strong and able to make me to become a soul winner for Him. There is no friend like Jesus. I am twenty-eight years old and have one boy nine years old here with my mother. My husband is in Ohio but he doesn't mind my working for Jesus. If anyone knows Sister Valley Parker's address, please send it to me at once.—Mrs. Mamie Philbrick, Rt. 5.

SAVAGE, Miss.—I thank you dear saints of God for your prayers and anointed cloths. I am feeling some better. I've been sick most of the winter. Your letters were food to my soul. I don't have anyone to pray with. Dear friends, this is a needy place. Somebody will be responsible when they get to the judgment bar of God. Come on, preachers, don't wait to write. Help me save this community.

Pray for Mrs. Moore.—Mrs. J. A. Smith.

The Lord Has Promised the Rest

SALISBURY, Md.—I praise God for His goodness. About seven years ago the Lord called me to preach His Word. He also told me what town to go to. At that time I had a grown son unsaved and I told the Lord I couldn't leave him unless he was saved, but would go to preach if He would save my boy. The Lord took me at my word and saved him, but I

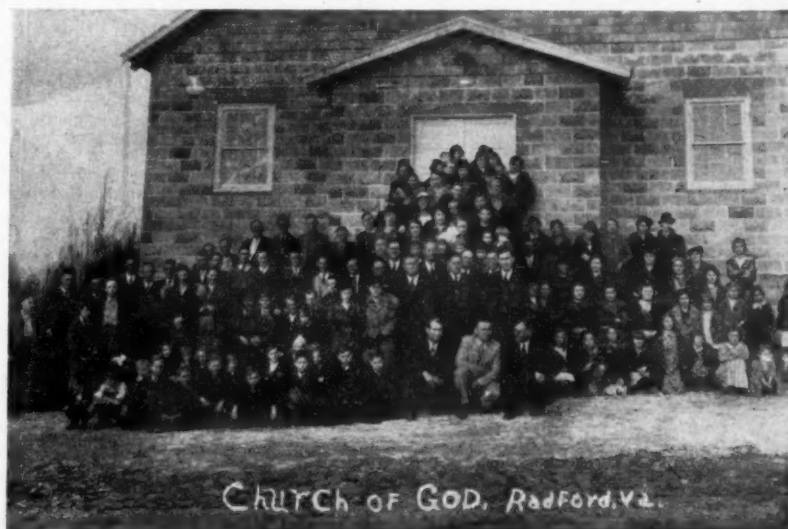
failed to go. In about a year or so I stood and looked at one of my grandchildren die, and I promised the Lord I would obey Him but I failed to do it. As time went on I could not get away from that call. I would try to pass it off by holding prayer meeting but I could not. About two months ago the same thing happened again to another of my grandchildren. Several were called to pray for the child and after praying for a while I arose from my knees and was looking at the child when the same voice spoke to me again and said, "Go preach my Word." I said, "Yes, Lord, I'll do my best." I know if I do that the Lord has promised the rest. I know it pays to obey God.

I ask the children of God to pray for me as I step out on the promise of God and that I will always do His will. If there is anyone who would like to have me for a revival, just let me know as I mean to obey God. My address is 312 Preston Ave., Salisbury, Md. — Irving Johnson.

The Lord Was With Me

SEABOARD, Va.—The dear Lord was with us in a wonderful way at our home coming at the new church in Abbs Valley, Va., on Feb. 19. We had many visiting ministers and good singers from different churches in Virginia, also had visitors from several churches in West Virginia. We appreciated having Brother J. L. Dorman with us and his preaching was with power and love and seemed to be enjoyed by all present. We had visiting ministers and appreciated having them. We invite all present to come back again.

The dear Lord is blessing us most all over the Bluefield, Va., district, for which we praise Him. We now have a re-



Vance Perkins, pastor; J. L. Dorman, state overseer.

vival going at the new church in Abbs Valley, conducted by Brother C. R. Simmons, assisted by Brother Weatherby and the Filipino brother from Bible School. We also expect to have a revival in progress soon at Pounding Mill, Va. In fact, the evangelistic season is almost here and we take this method to appeal to all of the workers over the district. Let's SEEK the Lord for a revival in general over the district. We are getting a tent to use on the district this time, also have another very good tent that we borrowed from Brother E. Ray Kirk of Berton, Va. If any one on the district wants a tent we feel this one can be bought very reasonable. You can get in touch with me or Brother Kirk. If it isn't sold soon, we will expect to return it to him at Parrott, Va. Now we have some good towns on this district which do not have churches and we would like to get a good church established in each of them this season, if possible.

Come on, ministers and laity, let's each line up with the teachings of the Church. If we are behind on any line such as paying our tithes, aged ministers' assessment, mission quota, etc., we cannot expect God's richest blessings. Please PRAY for the work over the Bluefield, Va. district. —A. J. Cox, district overseer.

A Real Church

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—We praise God for blessing our church in Charleston. Brother Grubbs, our pastor, has made this a real church. We are very proud of it although it is just a store-room. We have wonderful crowds and the church is growing.

Our pastor's daughter, Sister Anna Grubbs, is president of our Y. P. E. and she is a wonderful leader. God is blessing her in the work here. We have never had anyone take so much interest in our services as Sister Grubbs has. We now have the state banner and are very proud of this. Sister Grubbs is just new in the way. She was a manager of a large millinery corps and has given it up to be in the service of the Lord. Praise His dear name. Sister Grubbs is dearly loved by everybody in the church and is working hard for the upbuilding of the church. We thank God that we have both Brother Grubbs and his daughter here with us in Charleston. We ask an interest in your prayers.—Sister Laura Hathaway, 211 Ash St.

Must Not Stop

LANCASTER, Ky.—This afternoon as we think of the goodness of God, we thank Him. Since the Lord saved me some eleven years ago and put me in the ministry, we have seen many souls get saved.

Since Christmas we have been on the Hazard district with Brother B. H. Enix, overseer. He is a fine man to work with.

The meeting at Combs, Ky., with Sister Keith, leader, was fine. We had service in the high school building. From there we went to Tribbey, Ky. and found they were ready for a revival with good Brother Alex Smith, pastor. These revivals were fine and I am made to shout. Brother, I am persuaded there is no time to stop. Warriors must fight if a battle is won. Remember that we are somewhere working.—Evangelist George L. Cravens, Lancaster, Ky.

Report From Nebraska

WYMORE, Nebraska.—Our church at Wymore is growing a little. We took in ten new members Feb. 17 and have bought a house for a parsonage. Brother J. E. Lambdin and his family are nicely settled in it and we enjoy many blessings from the hand of the Lord. We seem to be few and far between here as Omaha is ninety-six miles from here and these are the only two churches of God in Nebraska, I suppose. We would be glad to hear from Headquarters sometimes.—Mrs. Golda Kempf, clerk.

A New Church in the Pacific Northwest

AUBURN, Wash.—Sunday, Feb. 12, Brother J. B. Camp and family came to Auburn on a visit. We felt that the time was ripe for a revival. We had not been able to get the evangelist we had been planning on so we asked Brother Camp to stay with us for the meeting and preach. We felt it was God's will. After praying about it, he consented to stay.

At seven-thirty the revival began. The power fell in the old time way. God surely was concerned about the people here in this little town.

The Word went forth under the mighty anointing power of the Holy Ghost from night to night. Brother Camp surely is a man of God. We are thankful for a man who fully believes in the old time power of God. Several were slain under the power around the altar while they were seeking. The neighbors were stirred. The enemy tried to stop the meeting but God gave us favor with the police. We feel we are in the will of God when these persecutions come. The police were called but wouldn't come in. They told the one who called them, "You need some of that kind of religion."

Sunday afternoon, Feb. 19, Brother Camp preached on the Church. Sunday night we organized the church with six members. Monday night a mother of four children received the Holy Ghost and joined the church. Tuesday night another young woman came crying and asked to join the church. When the saints marched to give her the right hand of fellowship the power fell. Many were the shouts that rang out from souls

blessed. Four were saved, four sanctified, and four filled with the Holy Ghost.

Brother and Sister Jack Peel of Texas were with us in these meetings, with their special music and singing. Brother Clark Goodman was a blessing with his specials. Brother Camp and his family also sang specials. They have some very good friends here whom they won in this part of the country through their fruitful ministry.

We thank the people of Algona Church of God for helping us in this meeting. We especially thank Sister Thompson, the leader of Algona church, for her fine co-operation. Surely you were blessed by doing so.

We are not able to tell all the good done in this revival. Many homes were blessed and many lives made new. There was a good heavenly atmosphere throughout the meeting. Eight lined up with the church. Brother Camp called for the people who really wanted to follow on to gather around the rostrum with uplifted hands and sing. The good presence of the Holy Ghost was felt by each one as he reconsecrated his life to God and His cause. Pray for the Pacific Northwest.—Yours in the Master's service, Hilton Vail, 17 B. St. S. E.

Encouraged to Lay Hold on Eternal Life

The revival closed at Pitts, Ga., with seven saved, four sanctified, the church uplifted and encouraged to fight the good fight and lay hold on eternal life. Brother J. B. Merritt, Georgia Circuit No. 3, did the preaching. He is a wonderful man of God. The Georgian Circuits are a real blessing to the state. It is a wonderful system. Pray for the building program and our L. W. W. B. —Humbly, J. B. Conner.

Wanting to Work

JONBEN, W. Va.—I have been here only a short while but I have found a church that loves God and their pastor. We are working together. I came here Oct. 4 and found them hungry and waiting to work. We all began to work and pray. God has helped us. We have paid some on our church and are expecting to pay it out of debt this year for all are praying.

We are having good services. The Y. P. E. is fine and we know it will grow as soon as the weather gets favorable. Some of them have already received the Holy Ghost.

The deacons here are as good as in any church I ever pastored. They work and help put the program of the church over. I certainly do appreciate them.

We have a fine Sunday School. We are working to build it up.

We are in a revival now. It began well and has been going for a week. Three

have been saved, three sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We desire your prayers. The evangelist is Brother H. T. Atkins. He surely is on fire for God. He preaches the Word of God and his messages are enjoyed by all, and have effect.

Our revival here began from the revival at Coal City, W. Va. Our church attended it. Two of our members received the baptism there.—J. C. Hanks, pastor.

The Lord Met With Us

BLYTHER, California.—We recently closed a four and one-half weeks' revival in the Blythe Church of God, Brother James Miller, pastor. The Lord met with us in a mighty way from the beginning to the closing night. The writer was the evangelist, assisted by my husband who helped furnish special music.

Fifty-one precious souls were gloriously saved, twelve received the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, fourteen were baptized in water and we have one hundred and twenty-four in Sunday School.

A blessed group of Y. P. E. workers are all enthused to press on till Jesus comes to call the faithful away. Several were healed and a number sanctified. The meeting closed with the saints partaking of the Lord's Supper, which was followed by feet washing. The church was wonderfully built up.

Any one wishing our services will reach us at 720-E. 59th St., Long Beach after April 15. We began a tent meeting last night at Phoenix, Arizona. Pray for us.—Mrs. Ila O. Jackson.

Victory in Collinsville, Ill.

COLLINSVILLE, Ill.—I thank God for His kindness to me and loved ones. March 29, 1937 I was operated on for appendicitis. My appendix had been burst around seven and a half hours and the doctors gave me one chance in a hundred. But thank God, He healed my body and on Dec. 5 He saved my soul, also healed my sister of T. B. and from being crippled. We also praise the Lord for our district overseer and wife, Brother and Sister Dunn, and our pastor and family, Brother Sells. They are doing all they can for the Lord and His glory. Brother Dunn held a revival for us a couple of months ago. Many were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the Church of God, which we all love. If any state has any more preachers like Brother Dunn or Brother Sells, send them to Illinois. I have felt the call to preach the Word, so please pray that I will know His will.—Lloyd Beard, 425 Bissell Ave.

BECKLEY, W. Va.—We have had one very successful revival conducted by Brother R. D. Kohn in the Massey church. This work is moving forward.

We have a real good Sunday School and open for another revival. We have now on the district Sister Christine Hyre conducting a revival in the Union church at Rock Lick which Brother H. S. Smith has been pastoring around three years, preaching to a mixed multitude of people. We are expecting this church to be turned over to the Church of God. We covet your prayers for this occasion. We now have a new church that has been recently organized at Thayer, W. Va. The Sunday School is very progressive. We have purchased a lot in Oak Hill, W. Va., and have built a cinder block tabernacle; have it just about complete. Our district convention will convene at this new building, commencing on June 30 and ending July 2, conducted by our state overseer, M. P. Cross, whom we have learned to love this year. Everyone who reads this, please pray for the success of this district.—H. S. Smith, district overseer, Box 536.

Remember Orphanage Drive Easter Sunday

God Is Blessing at Jasonville, Ind.

The Church of God at Jasonville is thanking and praising God for the wonderful victory and for the way God is blessing through the precious blood of Jesus in these evil days when it seems it is so hard to get men and women and young folks to realize that they must be cleansed by the precious blood that was spilled on Calvary before they can enter into heaven. A wonderful revival just closed with a goodly number of souls being saved, sanctified and a few precious souls filled with the good Holy Ghost, and twelve new members added to the church. The revival was conducted by our pastor, Brother Fred Puckett.

My husband and I have been members of the Church of God at Jasonville over three years. We find its teaching true. We thank God for the Church of God and for our good pastor for we know he has been true and has taught us the Bible way. Pray for the Church of God at Jasonville that God will continue to bless.—Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Gambill, Jasonville, Ind.

HEFLIN, Ala.—We, the Church of God of Heflin, are glad to say that we are still on our way to heaven. We are in a revival now and the Lord surely is blessing us. On Tuesday night, March 7, we had one of the best services I think I was ever in. Several of the Congregational Holiness folks from Anniston and Jacksonville were with us. Brother Allison of Anniston led the praise service. His testimony was food to our souls. Brother Allison surely is a man sent by God to preach His gospel. The power of God fell and we danced and praised God until we surely were acting just like they did on the day of Pentecost. The good

songs of Zion were enjoyed by every one. The girls of Jacksonville and Brother Agee's daughters and son rendered several numbers. We all love Brother and Sister Agee because they are so humble and good.

We are having our revival in an old store building because we don't have our church completed. When the power began to fall Tuesday night the saints began to send up praises to the One who died for us all. The business men of the town left their places of business and came to see what was going on. Some of them stood in front of the building; others came inside and watched the saints as the heavenly atmosphere hovered over us. It seemed to me that they ran through the streets just like they did through the streets of Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost.

Satan has hindered us some way in building our new church. Thank God, we have part of it done and we want all the Evangel readers to pray for us to never give up, but to keep on fighting and praying to God until the building is completed. We are watching and praying for we believe that Jesus is soon coming to carry us home to glory.—Fred W. McWhorter, Heflin, Ala.

Another Church in Texas

RANGER, Tex.—We praise the Lord for another Church of God in Texas. There was a band of Pentecostal folks at Hamilton, Tex. They heard about the Church of God and seemed to be interested in its doctrine, so I felt led of the Lord to go tell them more about its teachings. We went down Feb. 22 and began that night to expound the Church of God gospel more fully to the good folks. I preached each night that week, then on Sunday night we set a church in order with sixteen members, all filled with the Holy Ghost. The pastor of the band was one of the number. We thank the Lord for this little church and ask all to pray for the good folks down there, also for us that we will carry on in this fight in a way that will please our Lord.—T. M. White, pastor at Ranger.

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REVIVALS

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C. — We have just closed a very successful revival at Warrenton with Bro. E. M. Mortenson doing the preaching the first week. There were thirteen saved and five sanctified. Brother J. C. Leonard continued for another week during which time nineteen were saved, seven sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost and eight added to the church—four men and four women. Pray much for the work here.—E. E. Hurst, pastor, 919 Cedar St.

Am I Really a Christian?

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appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might *redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.*"

We trust that our reader will be honest with himself. We have presented the scriptures and we want our reader to compare his experience with the scriptures. Am I really a Christian? Well, the conclusion is that if one's heart still loves the things of the world, such as the modern, suggestive movie or vaudeville, the smutty story, the association with ungodly men or women, uses tobacco, drinks whiskey, beer and wine, swears and curses, lies and steals or habitually practices any vice or crime, he cannot be a Christian. "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God," 1 Cor. 6:9, 10. And Matt. 7:2 says, "Not every one that saith unto me, 'Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.'" 1 Thess. 4:7, "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." And Heb. 12:14, 15, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God."

Reader friend, how is it with your soul? Are you saved? Have you separated yourself from worldliness and sin? Are you sanctified? Do you still love the world, knowing that the Word says, "Love not the world," and gives the statement that if the love of the world is in our heart that God's love does not dwell there?

Am I really a Christian? If I love Jesus, His Word, and His people and do His will by living a holy life, then YES. If I do not, I am not a Christian. But please remember, it is not God's will that you should perish, but that all should come to repentance and that they might be saved, so come to Jesus now. Attend the services at the Church of God. The meetings can help you find the Lord. Read the Bible and seek the Lord in prayer. It is the writer's desire that through this article many may turn to Jesus and be saved. If you have found this article a help to you I would appreciate it if you would write and let me know.

Live Bait

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naked and stir up the lust of man, then send your innocent little girl out half naked, at the mercy of the beast in man.

Whose fault is it if she is kidnapped? brutally treated and perhaps murdered? Not the child's fault, for she knows no better because she has not been taught. God will hold the parents of this generation accountable for not training their children in the Word of God.

God made man the head of the woman and the head of his house, and commanded that wives should be in subjection to their own husbands and He will hold them responsible as they disobey His Word (Eph. 5:22, 23), for He says in Matt. 24:35, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Reader, will you be ready "when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ"?

The fathers are responsible before God for their household and equally responsible for the conditions in the world today. Joshua said, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." The time has come when we have to choose whom we will serve, whether God or mammon.

Mothers, if you love and regard the lives of your girls, YOU will dress decently and respectably and see that your girls are dressed modestly, and do all you can to eliminate the cause of all this crime. If you have a boy how do you know that he may not meet the same fate as Hickman and others who have

raped and murdered little innocent girls? It is almost impossible for a young man to keep a pure mind and see the things he has to look on at every turn, wherever he goes, and even in his own home.

The judgment of God will surely fall on the women of this day for the souls they send to perdition by their ungodly dress and immodesty; and I am sorry to say it is not the women of the world alone, but many whom God has saved and filled with the Holy Ghost are still trying to hold on to the world and not living up to God's Word as they know it, and are more guilty before God, for He says in His Word, "He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." He says if we love the world and the things that are in the world, the love of the Father is not in us; and the friendship of the world is enmity against God. Therefore if we do not come out from the world and the things of the world and live according to the Word of God, we are enemies of God, a reproach to Him and a stumbling block to the world. For the sake of the boys and girls who are going down to perdition by the thousands, let us awake to our responsibility to God for the existing conditions.

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WHY INVITE GOD'S WRATH?

—Melvin O. Smith, 319 B. W. Church, Harrisburg, Ill.

Note by the Editor and Publisher: The above article is good admonition, however, I wish to say that men are not relieved of their responsibility. They rather indulge in these things and enjoy them. If fathers would use their authority and if both fathers and brothers would use the good influence they should in their homes, it would greatly help the situation.

EDITORIALS

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after they receive their reward, will gather around the Son of God who made it possible for them to receive these blessings, and will lay at His feet their crowns in honor of His work of redemption, and crown Him Lord of all. What a glorious time it will be for those who have kept the faith and are fortunate enough to be in the first resurrection and present at the judgment of rewards.

"The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you," 1 Peter 5:1-7.

Peter's exhortation to the Christians covers almost every phase of Christian service. The pastors who are to take the oversight of the flock are to do it willingly and not for the pay they may receive. When men will not serve because they do not feel that they are being paid enough, we feel that they are out of harmony with the spirit of their calling. They should be humble and be an example to the flock. Peter also admonishes the flock to be submissive; especially does he say for the younger to listen to the elder, those who have gone before and are capable of advising them. Then he tells us that when the chief Shepherd shall appear we shall receive a crown of glory. This refers to the time when Jesus shall reward His saints, at the time when He comes to catch them away.

God Is Going to Have a Tried People

MT. PLEASANT, Tenn.—Dear readers, I am glad that sweet peace is abiding in my soul that surpasses all understanding. Praise the Lord.

The Lord is blessing in a great way here at Mt. Pleasant. A revival has just closed with nine baptized with the sweet Holy Ghost, fourteen sanctified and fifteen saved. One lady was healed who had not walked alone in two years. God baptized her with the Holy Ghost also. A great revival spirit seems to be prevailing among the saints. My eighteen-year-old son took sick with some kind of infection on his limbs. Big knots came on him from his knees to his ankles. They were so sore he could hardly get around. We requested prayer through the Evangel. Saints prayed and held on to God and He healed him. We give Him all the glory.

The enemy is making it hard on us here. We can't even rent an empty store building to worship in; we have had to worship in a tent all winter but God has stood by us and many have found God. Our Sunday School and Y. P. E. are growing fast. The L. W. W. B. is doing a good work paying on the lot.

Saints, when the battle gets hot, then it is time to hold on, for God is going to have a tried people. We do not know how the test is to come. The law force was much against us but God has touched their hearts and humbled them to a great extent. When I was in a revival the people tried to run me away; gave me a notice to leave out. I stood on the Word of God. One of the law force said, "I will see that you have protection." God can change things. We ran the meeting and many souls were blessed. We are too near the end to let down now. Let's go on to victory, put the program over for God and His Church. God bless you.—Mrs. B. H. Clark, Rt. 1.

If God Be For Us Who Can Be Against Us?

Rom. 8:31

WEST ASHEVILLE, N. C.—I praise God for what He means to me and for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the sweet Holy Ghost. We thank the Lord for what He is doing for us here in West Asheville and for the outpouring of His Spirit in our services. We especially thank the Lord for Brother and Sister Combs. We feel He sent us a special blessing when He sent them here. We feel sure they have their hearts in the work and they have proved a blessing to us. The Lord is blessing in spite of Satan. The work is growing and many are praying through in the old-fashioned way and lining up with the Church. The Lord is wonderfully blessing here. Many have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost since the Assembly. Truly we praise the Lord for all His blessings to us.

We thank the Lord for the revival held by Sisters Lula Mixon and Martha Womack, two young women from our Bible School. We had a wonderful revival and they did some good preaching. The Lord put His approval on the services. Twenty-one were saved, ten sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost. We feel like sounding a note of praise to the Lord for the girls. They're firebrands for God.

We thank the Lord for Brother Bailey and his service he rendered to the church while here in a revival. He did some good preaching and proved a blessing to many while here. Fifteen were saved, twelve sanctified and twelve filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord is wonderfully blessing here since the Assembly. There have been many saved and twenty-two additions to the church. We have a good Sunday School and Y. P. E. Please pray much for us; we need your prayers in West Asheville.—Mrs. Andrew Smith, 21 Oakley Place.

State Convention and Camp Meeting Dates

Washington-Oregon—April 7-9
 Montana—(Bigtimber)—April 13-16
 Illinois—April 20-23
 South Carolina—April 27-30
 Indiana—May 4-7
 Maryland-D. C.-Delaware- E. Virginia—May 11-14
 Iowa—May 26-28
 Annual Gen. Assembly (colored), Jacksonville, Fla.—May 22-28
 Florida Camp Meeting—June 1-10
 Florida State Convention—June 2-3
 Pennsylvania—June 9-11
 Ohio—June 15-18
 North Carolina—June 15-18
 Michigan Camp Meeting—June 18-25
 Michigan State Convention—June 23-25
 Virginia—June 23-25
 Great Northwest Camp Meeting—June 26-July 4
 Kansas—June 29-July 2
 Northwest Convention—July 1-4
 New Mexico-Colorado-Utah—July 7-9
 Missouri—July 7-9
 Oklahoma—July 14-16
 Mississippi—July 14-16
 Arkansas—July 21-23
 West Virginia—July 21-23
 Kentucky Camp Meeting—July 24-30
 Kentucky—July 28-30
 Texas Camp Meeting—July 31-Aug. 6
 Texas State Convention—August 4-6
 Alabama Camp Meeting—July 26-Aug. 6
 Alabama State Convention—Aug. 4-6
 Maryland (Eastern Shore) Camp Meeting, August 4-14
 Georgia—August 10-13
 Iowa Camp Meeting—August 15-25
 Tennessee Camp Meeting (Sevierville)—July 20-30
 Tennessee—July 27-30
 Louisiana—August 24-27
 Maine—September 14-17 or Aug. 17-20

Without Holiness No Man Can See the Lord

PLAINVIEW, Ark.—Dear saints, I praise God for victory in my soul. "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voices like a trumpet and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Oh, how my heart goes out to the lost souls to see them come into the fold of God in safety. There is but one safe place and that is to hide away in Christ, to get in the body. I praise God for light and for saving grace and love, that He found me one day lost but had mercy, saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and set me in the holiness way, for without holiness no man can see the Lord.

I thank God for His Church. About three years ago the Lord spoke to my husband about one of his cousins in Alabama whom he had not seen since she had grown up. She belongs to the dear Church of God. My husband wrote his aunt in Alabama so Sister Julia Yarbrough answered his letter. That is the way we became known to each other. Praise God for it. Sister Julia sent us a Minute of the Church of God, also the Church of God Evangel. Thank God. Then we read the first sermon we ever heard preached by the Church of God. We so much love the paper, every word, every line of it. We read it carefully and God has given us light through the words put in the paper. Glory to God. We love the Lord and want more of Him.

We wrote to Sister Ellis at Rich Hill, Mo. God really did a wonderful thing for my girl in answer to her prayer—He healed her of appendicitis and a bad hand. By the time Sister Ellis got my letter the girl's hand was running. Thank God.

Now we have moved to a new field, have been here a week today. A young woman came and spent the day with me. She is hungry for God. She wants to hear the Word and she and her husband are really hungry. Dear saints, please pray for them and for us that we can say something to cause them to be saved. They want to hear the mark of the beast preached on. Have any of you saints any tracts explaining it? If so, will you send me some? I will hand them to her.

Oh, how we love God and trust Him for our healing. Thank God for light He has given us through the dear Evangel. Ministers, some of you write on the mark of the beast in the Evangel.

My husband and I feel called to preach. We have held several meetings and God

really blessed us with souls, but since reading your paper we feel every child of God needs a home, to be organized, to have some government to go by, so pray for us. We hope God sends a Church of God man here as there isn't any close to organize a church here. We will be glad to hear from any of the brothers and sisters of God.—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Adamson.

Remember Orphanage Drive Easter Sunday

The Suffering Jesus

Just a note of praise which I wish to impart in behalf of the Doctor of all doctors, in other words—the great Physician.

On the 24th of December my grandmother and I retired to bed at the hours of rest. After I slept for a couple of hours, at 12:00 p.m. I felt someone touch me, so I awoke and turning around to my grandmother, I asked, "What's wrong?" The answer was, "I am very sick. Call the saints who are near by, also the overseer and elder, Overseer H. A. Hudson and Elder W. A. Shaw." I obeyed her request. In the space of five minutes her speech was taken away and all that could be heard were different languages. Within this time the praying saints came. Prayers went up to God for one hour, at the end of which time she spoke one word.

Being a nurse and seeing her in this unusual condition, I sent for a doctor to secure a death certificate that if she should pass away there would not be a post-mortem examination. When the doctor came he examined her, then turning to his bag with the intention of giving her a dose of medicine, found that the medicine bottle was smashed to pieces. (This was the Lord's opportunity to work.) The saints' faces were filled with victory, seeing the mighty work of God. He then left the sick room, stating that she must be carefully watched.

Immediately after this the overseer and elder came. Having entered the sick room, the overseer asked that a Psalm be read. After it was read, he began to pray. With the agreement and oneness of heart, the victory was won.

By faith I saw the Lord with His outstretched wings, bearing the miraculous healing power, covering the entire roof. Towards the end of his prayer he touched her and immediately she received the divine touch from God, which was manifested by my grandmother leaping out of bed under the mighty power of God,

shouting and praising God, speaking clearly and fluently that all could be edified.

Praise God, no wonder the writer said:

All glory to the dying Lamb!
I now believe in Jesus;
I love the blessed Savior's name,
I love the name of Jesus.

My grandmother's name is Sister Jane Baillie. She asks every true-hearted child of God to pray a special prayer for the dear men of God in Jamaica, Overseer H. A. Hudson, and Elder W. A. Shaw, that they may be daily renewed with power for the service of the Lord.—Myrtle and Jane Baillie, Jamaica, B.W.I.

He Has Never Been Defeated

BLACKSBURG, S. C.—Dear saints everywhere, I am praising God for His goodness and wonderful love to me, also for being saved, sanctified and baptized with the sweet Holy Ghost.

Some time ago I promised the Lord if He would heal me of sciatic rheumatism I would testify of it, and praise God, He wonderfully healed me. I am praising Him for it right now. I had suffered much with this affliction and the Lord had touched my body several times. The pain would leave but in a few days I would be suffering again with it. One day God told me if I would write and ask Brother S. C. Chambers to pray for me that I would be healed. I obeyed and was healed in the mill at work. A voice spoke to me and said, "God is still on the throne," and as the voice spoke I was healed instantly. Praise His name. I am still healed today.

Two years ago this past November He healed me of T. B. in my left lung. He also healed me of a toxic tumor in my throat and I was told by two doctors that I would have to be operated on to have it removed. But, praise God, He did the work. He also healed me of chills when I was having one right after the other. He has been my complete healer for over two years. Isn't it wonderful to know we are serving such a great Physician that He provided for the natural body as well as the spiritual? I am so glad He is the Master of every situation and that He has never been defeated. I am asking Him to help me live my favorite scripture—Prov. 3:6, "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he will direct thy paths." Praise His name. I feel His presence now.

Saints, please pray for me when you pray. Pray for two of my children to be made stronger in Him, and please ask Him to save three loved ones of mine who are very near to me, also pray for three unspoken requests. Please don't pass this by.—Golie Lane.

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